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— BURGOYNE SLAMS ONE HOME —

HAKOAH'S centre forward Burgoyne (9) rolls away after slamming home the first of his three goals against APIA in last Sundays final before a record-breaking crowd of more than 11,000. On the ground are Trisic and Steadman, with Marston (5) watching their vain efforts to stop the ball.

From the Sidelines

By TAD TARG

CURED, I HOPE

I hope the APIA-North Side match last Wednesday week in the Ascot series provided a lesson for any club or, coach, with defensive ideas.

I hope it cured them of negative tactics for ever.

I just can't understand it — having the No 2 forward line in the business and pulling one of them back to play a second centre half or, rather, to be in everybody else's way.

Norths threw away any chance they had of beating APIA because four forwards were no match for APIA's five defenders; consequently the latter attacked with an extra, sixth forward.

What promised to be a magnificent clash between North's clever forwards and APIA's brilant defence turned out to be a dull, "cat and mouse" affair.

ONE OUT OF THE BOX

Can you imagine a match between APIA and Hakoah without a "boo" for the referee?

Yes, indeed, it's hard to believe.

But it happened.

The referee was "my" find of the year — Roy Pearce!

No wonder he is appointed again to referee the Grand Final.

A rare honor, but it couldn't happen to a better man.

By the way, Roy is also an official of the Pennant Hills Junior Club and, asked us to appeal to senior clubs for old, out of use, goal nets.

So, if you have any — and it doesn't matter how many holes there are in them — would you please help?

THINGS TO COME

The brilliant football we witnessed in the last few weeks and expect to witness again in the grand final on Sunday is a forerunner of things to come next year.

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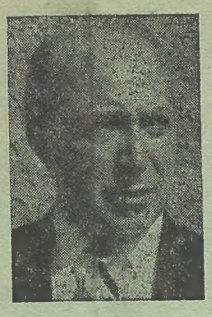

MR. RODNEY

Top teams set for Game of the Year at Henson Park

The 1959 competition final at Henson Park this weekend will create soccer history.

It will be contested between two teams with a predominantly migrant content.

Both Prague and APIA, as clubs, are less than 10 years old.

Srange, too, that both clubs should emerge as first and second in the competition after only three seasons in top-flight soccer.

The same clubs were suppressed by the old Association, whose outlook was narrow and bigoted.

MR. BAYUTTI

Tremendous energy abounds behind the scenes in both clubs.

Messrs. Rodny and Bayutti, respective club presidents, are also successful businessmen.

Both men are eager to build great soccer teams of a high standard.

APIA's sensational bid to fly top Italian forward Marcello Svoronich for this game is proof of the enterprise of their astute president Jim Bayutti.

For the fans it all adds up to one of the most interesting grand finals ever.

Given fine weather a record crowd should witness this game.

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● EARLY GAME
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● TEAMS, PAGE 2

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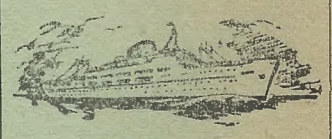

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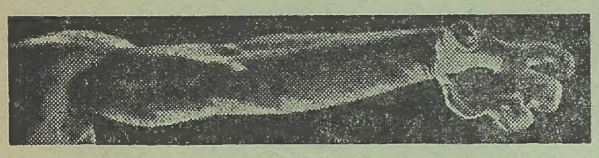

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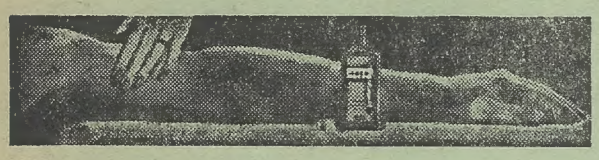

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SUNDAY

1.15 Auburn v Hakoah
3 p.m. APIA v Canterbury

LAST WEEK

First Division

FINALS

FIRST GRADE
APIA-Hakoah 4:3

SECOND GRADE
Hakoah—Auburn 4:0

THIRD GRADE
Canterbury—Gladesville 2:2

Early match

THIRD GRADE

APIA

D. James; A. Cossettini, A. Pesavento; B. Hicks, M. Hawkshaw, P. Jones; M. Barbi, N. Campbell, A. Merlins, J. Lindsay, F. Hunt.

GLADESVILLE

A. Elvy; D. Fisher, J. Reed; G. Horner, J. Benet, R. Quinn; D. Matthews, M. Forster, J. Hobbs, F. Galanos, K. Sanderson.

TEAMS FOR GRAND FINAL

HENSON PARK

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1 Goal M. TRISIC
2 Right back L. STEDMAN
3 Left back R. HAWKSHAW
4 Right half G. CINAT
5 Centre half J. MARSTON
6 Left half G. ALOCCA
8 Inside right J. VASVARY
10 Inside left P. TURELLA
7 Outside right I. PITTIONI
9 Centre forward A. De PAOLI
11 Outside left F. BOTTALICO

H. NINAUS 11 Outside left
L. BAUMGARTNER 9 Centre forward
E. SCHWARTZ 7 Outside right
A. SAGHI 10 Inside left
W. TAMANDL 8 Inside right
K. JAROS 6 Left half
K. O'NEIL 5 Centre half
S. SHERWIN 4 Right half
L. SCHEINFLUG 3 Left back
K. HIRON 2 Right back
R. LORD 1 Goal

(Blue and white stripes black shorts)

MANAGER: F. RAYMOND COACH L. BAUMGARTNER

PRAGUE

Reserve grade

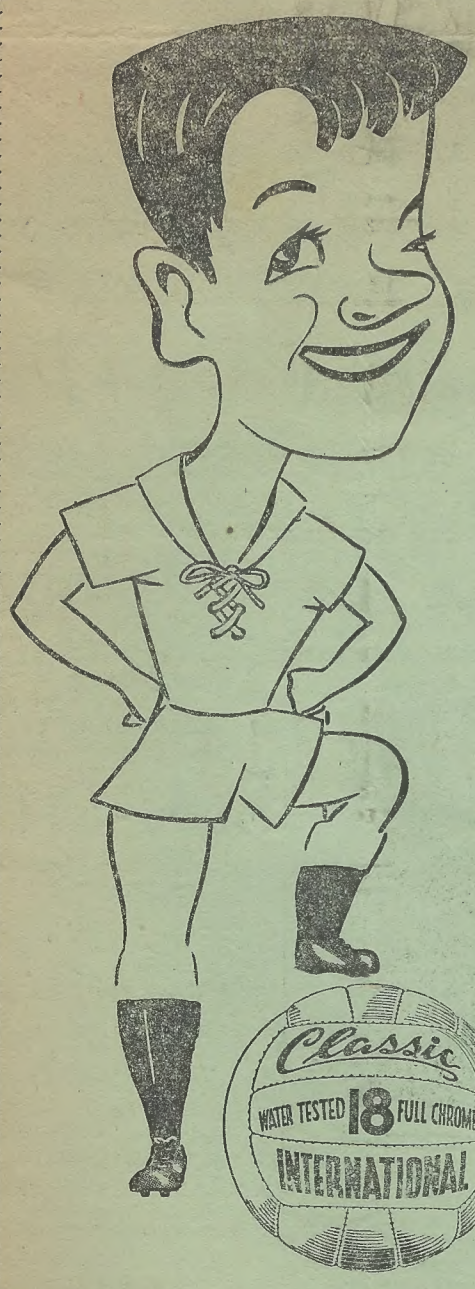
REFEREE: J. NIELSON
LINESMEN: W. COOK, J. SENIW

HAKOAH

1 Goal N. CAMPBELL
2 Right back A. ROWE
3 Left back R. Mc ALEESE
4 Right half C. TORY
5 Centre half M. SCHEMBRI
6 Left half H. SCHUSSIG
8 Inside right R. SUCH
10 Inside left F. HEARN
7 Outside right R. MOORE
9 Centre forward T. SUCH
11 Outside left J. CUSICK

D. LINDSAY 11 Outside left
R. PATE 9 Centre forward
R.. MORRIS 7 Outside right
B. ROBINSON 10 Inside left
P. PASCALES 8 Inside right
R. BENNETT 6 Left half
L. SYMINGTON 5 Centre half
S. COUSINS 4 Right half
A. AUSTIN 3 Left back
R. MASON 2 Right back
R. BROWN 1 Goal

CANTERBURY



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K. JAROS (Prague)

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J. GRANT (Balgownie)
D. MCFARLAN (Concord)
W. SHUTTLEWORTH (Cant)

Most promising

B. MORRIS (Canterbury)
J. WARREN (Canterbury)
I. PITTIONI (APIA)
S. DEVLIN (Corrimal)
I. DONALDSON (Granville)

SECOND GRADE

Players

P. PASCALES (Canterbury)
R. BAKER (Auburn)
E. COMONSOLI (Auburn)
C. LITTLEMORE (Hakoah)
T. SUCH (Hakoah)

THIRD GRADE

Players

J. WARREN (Canterbury)
J. BINET (Gladesville)
J. Mc CLUSKIE (Canterbury)
M. HAWKSHAW (APIA)
J. LINDSAY (APIA)

SECOND DIVISION

Players

D. Mc COMISH (St. George)
E. MEINKE (Concordia)
A. MILLER (Corinthians)
L. VAN HAREN (Neerlandia)
L. HLAWA (Neerlandia)

Goals

L. Baumgartner (Prague)	29
B. Morrow (Auburn)	28
W. Tamandl (Prague)	27
J. Galambos (Budapest)	23

Teams of the year

Total of points allotted in Player of the Year.

PRAGUE	118
APIA	90
CORRIMAL	80
HAKOAH	74
CANTERBURY	68
NORTH SIDE	66
AUBURN	60
GLADESVILLE	55
GRANVILLE	50
SYD. AUSTRAL	49
BANKSTOWN	37
BALGOWNIE	35
BUDAPEST	32
CONCORD	23

Unofficial club championsship

(Final placings in three grades)

APIA	107
CANTERBURY	107
HAKOAH	89
AUBURN	82
PRAGUE	80
GRANVILLE	80
NORTH SIDE	74
GLADESVILLE	69
BANKSTOWN	71
SYD. AUSTRAL	47
BUDAPEST	45
CONCORD	37

Corrimal and Balgownie are not included because they do not field a third grade team.

A TEAM

1 Goalkeeper: K. Spiegel (Hakoah), 2 Right back: J. Pretswell (Gladesville), 3 Left back: J. Aird (Hakoah), 4 Right half: K. Jaros (Prague), 5 Centre half: J. Curry (Canterbury) 6 Left half: R. Young (Corrimal) 7 Outside right: B. Morrow (Auburn), 8 Inside right: G. Vasvary (APIA), 9 Centre forward: K. Learmonth (Corrimal), 10 Inside left: J. Wong (NSU), 11 Outside left: B. Salisbury (Canterbury).

B TEAM

1 W. Henderson (Auburn), 2 L. Stedman (APIA), 3 R. Hawkshaw (APIA), 4 P. Peters (Corrimal), 5 J. Pettigrew (Gladesville), 6 L. Scheinflug (Prague), 7 A. Levinson (Hakoah), 8 W. Tamandl (Prague), 9 J. Galambos (Budapest), 10 A. Saghi (Prague), 11 H. Ninaus (Prague).

SECOND GRADE

1 C. Littlemore (Hakoah), 2 B. Gregg (Gladesville), 3 R. Mc Aleese (Hakoah), 4 S. Cousins Canterbury), 5. L. Symington (Canterbury), 6 J. Bosansky (Hakoah), 7 R. Morris (Canterbury) 8 P. Pascales (Canterbury, 9 R. Pate (Canterbury), 10 T. Such (Hakoah), 11 B. Staples (Auburn).

SECOND DIVISION

1 E. Bennett (St. George), 2 P. Green (St. George), 3 T. Triadis (P. Hellenic), 4 A. Jacoby (Corinthians), 5 D. Mc Comish (St. George), 5 L. Hlawa (Neerlandia), 7 K. Karanikolas (P. Hellenic), 8 P. Hunter (St. George), 9 E. Meinke (Concordia), 10 W. Black (Neerlandia), 11 R. Krause (Concordia).

Australia's 'Pools' interest

The British Pool Promotor's Association's guarantee of a minimum of £245,000 a year for the use of British League fixtures is soccers greatest windfall.

Other firms outside the PPA have agreed to pay royalties equal to 1 and half per cent of the gross stakes received, less betting duty.

The grand total due to British Soccer Circles will be about £400,000.

The clubs have not yet decided how the money will be spent.

Australian soccer clubs are in a somewhat similar position to that in Britain.

Our fixtures are used by the same promotors over four months of every year.

A similar number of fixtures are required to enable the pools to operate successfully, yet our share is only about £3,000.

At the most recent ASFA council meeting the secretary Mr. Druery was delegated to go overseas to meet the PPA representatives with a view to having our "handout" increased

The part that concerns the clubs is who does Mr. Druery represent when he goes overseas?

If it is the clubs, who are vitally concerned in this issue, then why were they not consulted on the matter.

It is the clubs, no matter which State they come from, who say for what amount they are prepared to allow their fixtures to be used.

We consider the "pool' question a very important matter and one in which our country should have been vitally interested during recent discussions.

In our opinion £100,000 is the least we can accept for the use of fixtures throughout Australia.

Pan Hellenic impresses

All-Greek Second Division runners-up Pan Hellenic gave an impressive display of carpet-passing soccer when they met Auburn in the first round of the Ascot thousand last Saturday.

They were unlucky to lose 2—1 as they outsmarted their more experienced rivals.

Only poor finishing in front of goal presented them from creating the upset of the season.

Players like goalie Arapaglou, full-back Triadis, left-half Omirous and forwards Epitaprokis, Karanikolas and Hungarian Kocsis would do well in any First Division team.

We feel that Pan Hellenic as a whole would not be disgraced in First Division as last week's showing was on a par with most of the middle-of-the-table teams in the higher division.

Pan Hellenic's fine display is a blow for the critics of a reduced competition, as Saturday's match has clearly shown that a Second Division side can be good enough to deserve promotion once they win their Premiership.

This must be taken into account, as promotion and demotion are the very life blood of any healthy code.

Pan Hellenic can look ahead with confidence and their struggle for supremacy next season with the "new-look" Concordia and S. George should be worth watching.

The general Second Division standard should greatly benefit from this three-way "battle".

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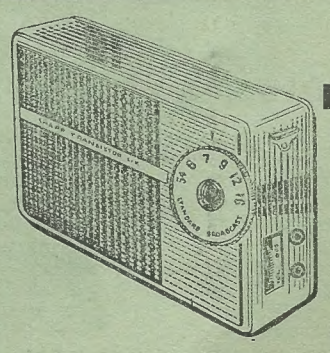

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Victorian News and Views

From L. K. STONE

In a close game that held the interest of the disappointing crowd of about 3,000 throughout the match, much fancied Juventus were defeated 3—2 by JUST last weekend.

Both teams deserve praise for the manner in which they fought out this tough Dockerty Cup replay despite poor refereeing.

Juventus centre forward Tomblin scored two opportunist goals in the first 15 minutes.

JUST fought back and Beattie opened their account with a well taken goal.

After that, the Yugoslavs really gained the ascendancy as the hard-hitting Juventus defence panicked.

Marinovic scored the equaliser, the best goal of the match, and Vollmar made it 3—2 in favor of JUST.

Shortly before half time, JUST centre forward Alec Beattie, who otherwise had a good game, missed a sitter.

The standard of play deteriorated a little in the second half, both forward lines showing over-eagerness in front of goal.

On several occasions Beattie raced away from Juventus pivot Frangioni, but found Vitti, the Italian goalkeeper, a real stumbling block.

Towards the end, Juventus were on top and made a desperate bid to save the game, but the powerful JUST defence stood firm in the crisis.

Best for the Yugoslavs were Rezuk, Micic, Schroeder and Beattie.

Juventus were well served by Vitti, Picinich, Boz and the classy Cubero.

JUST will play George Cross in the Dockerty Cup semi-final at Olympic Park on Saturday.

On Sunday, at Olympic Prak, Hakoah defeated Wilhelmina 3—1 in the first Dockerty Cup Semi Final before about 4,000 people.

The Dutch were decidedly unlucky to lose De Brueyekere, the brain of the side, early in the game.

Before the match a Wilhelmina player told me that his side were going on the field with a great psychological advantage because Hakoah was soundly thrashed in the last encounter at the Park.

Of course, the Dutchmen did not anticipate having to tackle a Cup-minded Hakoah without their star player for most of the game.

To add to Wilhelmina's troubles, Hakoah defenders Hartley and Alexander were always on top of Dutch wingers Luyten and Yntema.

Hakoah centre half Barker was always in charge of proceedings.

Wilhelmina goalie Jansen performed brilliantly, clearing a succession of crosses in fine style and diving at Hakoah forwards' feet to save certain goals.

Hakoah wingers Syd Thomas and former Wilhelmina star Pettersen were in great form.

Hakoah's goals were scored by Artner and Pettersen (2).

Just before the final whistle, the excellent referee Cadelli presented Wilhelmina with a penalty and Luyten made no mistake with the kick.

COMPETITION TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Wilhelm.	22	17	2	3	86	40	36
G. Cross	22	14	5	3	57	26	33
Juventus	22	14	4	4	49	22	32
Hakoah	21	14	2	5	49	27	30
Slavia	22	12	5	5	49	28	29
Polonia	22	8	7	7	37	31	23
Moreland	21	8	2	11	54	38	18
JUST	22	6	6	10	50	44	18
Box Hill	22	6	3	13	24	53	15
Footscray	22	3	7	12	31	65	13
Geelong	22	3	5	14	28	55	11
Yarra Park	22	1	2	19	27	112	4

MELB. METROP. SOUTH

Melb. HSC.	17	16	1	—	94	19	33
Richmond	17	12	1	4	67	20	25
Yallourn	17	12	1	4	63	35	25
Sth. Melb.	17	11	2	4	47	24	24
Brighton	17	9	2	6	39	30	20
Dandenong	17	8	1	5	55	48	17
Sth. Yarra	17	4	1	12	26	51	9
Prahran	18	3	2	13	22	71	8
Park Rang.	18	3	—	15	30	87	8
Vic. Police	17	1	3	13	21	79	5

MELB. METROP. NORTH

Croatia	18	14	2	2	81	22	30
Preston	18	14	2	2	62	19	30
L. Hayduk	18	13	1	4	66	19	27
Sun. City	18	9	1	8	35	32	19
Sicilia	18	7	3	8	44	32	17
Maccabi	18	7	2	9	35	47	16
Corio	18	7	1	10	33	41	15
Coburg	18	5	4	9	30	38	14
Hellenic	18	5	2	11	31	41	12
Brunswick	18	—	—	18	9	135	—

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Junior Associations planning expansion

BY SPOTLIGHT

Most urgent off-season job for all junior Associations to finalise plans to cover all suburbs in their areas for 1960 competitions.

In addition, the NSW Juniors will have to consider re-examining boundaries, so that all districts have the chance of expansion in the most logical form.

All is not work, however. Presentation evenings by Associations and clubs are going ahead.

Manly Warringah evening is at Manly RSL Hall on Wednesday, October 7.

St. George's night will be at Mortdale Police Boys Club on October 9.

Ku-ring-gai Association have set their night for Saturday, October 10.

Gladesville-Hornsby's event will be at Epping School of Arts on Saturday, October 31.

This will be at 2.30 for juniors, and from 8 p.m. for under 16s up.

Granville Association has booked the Civic Theatre, Parramatta, for the big event. Date for this Association is Thursday, October 15.

One Association has in mind a proposal that Associations be empowered to run competitions in all age grades, under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 etc.

More Grades

At present, most Associations utilise under 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18 years only.

Effect of the change would be to allow players to play against players more closely of their own age group.

Less need will be felt for changes in teams over the playing years of juniors.

More representative football would be likely for schoolboy players.

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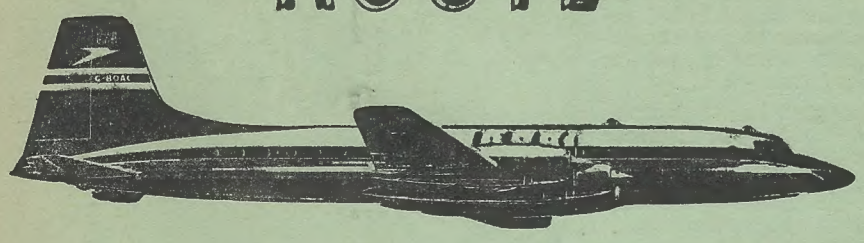

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Northern League

FROM MYLES HAY

Wallsend carried off the honors in the Northern League premiership final at Cristal Palace last Sunday.

They won 4—0 in a game which disappointed the crowd of more than 5,000.

West Wallsend failed to show any signs of their recent good form, and Wallsend goalkeeper Bob Cairns had a comparatively easy afternoon.

Wallsend wing halves Jack O'Brien and Bill Paddocks had the Westy forwards completely bottled up.

Centre forward Tom Coates was unfortunate in finding Wallsend skipper George Arthur in such splendid form at centre half.

West Wallsend goalkeeper Rob Martin might have stopped two of the shots that beat him.

But the youngster did brilliantly parry a penalty kick taken by Kevin Nolan, and minutes later magnificently pushed a crashing drive from Collins over the crossbar to redeem his lapses.

Wallsend have anjoyed a very successful year in the North, taking the minor and major premierships, in addition to winning the Ampol tournament at the start of the season.

DETAILS: Wallsend 4 (J. Morrow 2, J. Peel, R. Frame) defeated West Wallsend 0.

Gladesville visit

On Saturday, Wallsend will entertain Gladesville in a challenge match at Crystal Palace.

Northern enthusiasts will be keen to see former favorites Jack Pettigrew, of Cessnock, and Brian "Taffy" Lewsham of Mayfield United, in action again.

Former Leichhardt winger, Harry Robertson still has many admirers in Newcastle.

This star-studded Sydney side, which has not enjoyed the best of fortune in the competition series this season, also has Ken Hough, and New Zealand importation from Scotland, Bill Hume, who represented Australia against the touring Hearts side.

Wallsend will field their strongest side in an effort to down the Gladesville combination.

WALSEND: R. Cairns; D. Morrow, K. Nolan; J. O'Brien, G. Arthur, W. Paddocks; J. Morrow, R. Frame, W. Collins, G. Green, J. Peel.

GLADESVILLE: K. Hough; J. Pretswell, R. McLelland; D. Wort, J. Pettigrew, B. Greenfield; B. Lewsham, W. Hume, R. Bellamy, J. Brown, H. Robertson.

'Shock' team MIDWEEK

On Sunday, at West Wallsend, an encounter has been arranged between the local Eleven and Sydney's shock team of the year, North Side United.

The Wallsend Hospital Cot Appeal Fund will benefit from the proceeds of this challenge match, and Northern soccer followers will get their second chance in two days to see two of Sydney's foremost combinations in action.

Onlookers are certain of a football treat from Malayan Johnny Wong, North Side inside left, possibly the best inside forward in Sydney at present.

That's really saying something, when one thinks of other stars like Vasvary, Saghi, Quested and Moore.

NORTH SIDE: R. Waller; C. Bowley, B. Metcalfe; W. Pittman, K. Stiles, M. Walker: B. Taber, G. Haschke, A. Varglien, J. Wong, D. Delzio.

WEST WALLSEND: R. Martin; A. Wilson, K. Grant; N. Maddison, R. Cooper, A. Underwood; J. Foster, C. Atkinson, W. Green, T. Coates, D. Newton.

JUNIOR ROUND-UP

Canterbury Association put up another remarkable performance in the finals of the flood lit Sydney series at Lidcombe Oval.

Canterbury won every final except under 14 grade, which was won by Granville Association.

Some grades were won by the narrawest of margins but as 8 Associations entered 38 teams, it is evident that Canterbury's methods of preparing its players should be an object lesson to others.

The series proved such a success that it is sure to be a guide to an enlarged future programme.

For most of the 400 players taking part it was their first game 'under lights'.

RESULT

Finals resulted: Under 10 Canterbury-Southern Districts 1—0.

Under 12, Canterbury-Gladesville 1—0.

Under 14, Granville-St. George 3 corners to 1.

Under 16, Canterbury-Bankstown 4 corners to 2.

Under 18, Canterbury-Gladesville 2—1.

A grade, Canterbury defeated Gladesville by 2 corners.

Thanks are due to First Division clubs for making pennants available for winners.

North Side, Bankstown, Hakoah, Gladesville-Ryde, APIA and Prague all made donations to assist.

The various young winners were congratulated by senior club officials.

Mr. Jim Bellwood (Canterbury), Mr. K. Pronk (Gladesville), N. Jones and S. Garth (APIA) and A. Wood (Bankstown) all assisted.

INTERSTATE LESSONS

With Victoria defeating NSW in two under 18 matches, it will be up to NSW to ensure that future State teams are placed under the care of competent coaches to prepare for such matches.

The number of junior players in Victoria is almost negligible when compared with NSW, yet Victoria can coach a team to success.

For example, the whole of Victoria would not have as many junior players as Newcastle, let alone Sydney or the rest of NSW.

There is a big future for more interstate matches, as witness St. George under 14 team's trip to Melbourne.

Saints only went down 2—3 to the full Victorian State team in that grade.

Western Suburbs Association made a promising start in their first season of football.

Nineteen teams entered in three age groups — under 10, 12 and 14 — with a registration of 280 boys.

This was quite a good effort in an area where junior soccer has been neglected in the past.

Representative teams did not meet with success, but acquitted themselves very well against more experienced opponents and the experience will stand the boys in good stead for the future.

ENTHUSIASTIC

Annandale finished the season on top in the under 10 and 12 sections and Fivedock in the under 14s.

"Knock-out" competitions winners were Annandale under 12, Fivedock No 1 under 12, and Fivedock under 14.

Administrative enthusiasm was shown by the 90 per cent attendance at the weekly delegates meetings throughout the season.

The Association's gala day at Concord oval on September 5 was a great success.

The Association expresses its appreciation to the NSW Branch of the Referees Association and St. John Ambulance who gave their services gratis, also to the Ladies Auxliary of the Concord Soccer Club, plus the mothers who devoted their time to the canteen.

For information about creation and entry of new teams contact should be made with the secretary, Mr. G. G. Liddell, WF 7713, WF 7371, or UF 3541.

Toongabbie set pace

Federation Third Division winner Toongabbie and their reserve grade side, who were runners-up in their section, netted 260 goals between them this season.

Only 43 goals were scored against the two teams.

Centre forward of the Toongabbie First XI, Hughie Tees, had a tally of 53 goals.

The goals against showed the sound defence of both teams.

Players ages range from 18 to 21, with the exception of First XI captain-coach Bobby Bernard, who is the veteran of the side at 27.

During the season, brilliant exhibitions of goalkeeping were given by J. Cuccemos of the first team and W. Wright of the reserve team.

Choice of referees

There has been a great deal of dissatisfaction over referees this season.

Efforts have been made to overcome our lack of top class referees.

The Federation made a request for the right to select all referees for First Division games from a panel submitted by the referees themselves.

This was rejected by the referees, who later agreed to a panel comprising Federation and referees.

Why the referees rejected a proposition that the Federation select their own referees remains a mystery.

Most of this season's refereeing complains have originated from the clubs, so why not place the onus of selection upon club representatives.

Complaints from clubs would then lessen as they themselves would more or less agree to the "man in the middle" before a match.

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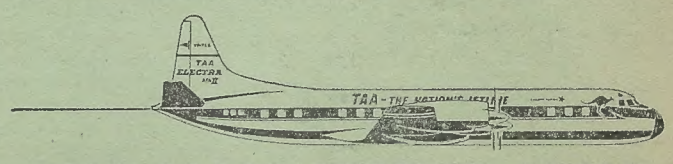

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Grand Final Preview

It is fitting indeed that Prague and APIA fight out the 1959 Grand Final, as both these teams are undoubtedly the best this season and I would even say the best ever in the history of NSW soccer.

Prague won two out of their three clashes with APIA, but to the former must go the credit of toppling the minor premiers for the first time this season.

The Leichhardt team is very confident of repeating that win

By L. Gautier

and their hopes are further enhanced by the memory of their semi-final encounter, when 'Professor' Baumgartner only scored the winning goal on a freak corner-kick on full-time.

Prague on the other hand will be fielding their top team and will be at full-strength.

I consider this team to be the near-equal of any top overseas side.

This is no idle talk, as I have yet to see, barring the legendary Stanley Matthews and the mercurial Hanappi, a touring player over the years of the natural ability of Leo Baumgartner.

Tamandl, Ninaus, Saghi and Jaros are other top-flight former Austrian stars and they could play with distinction in any world-class combination.

German-born Les Scheinflug is improving continually and has established himself as Australia's leading utility player.

Stuart Sherwin has gained tremendously since joining Prague and has risen to representative status in a matter of weeks.

The three local born players — goalie Ron Lord, former Test captain Kev O'Neil, and the unassuming 'Captain of the Year' Ken Hiron — blend perfectly into the team and bring that element of stability and coolness in the side.

I consider Ron Lord to be one of the world's top goalies, and this though his knee has been troubling him considerably this season.

His cat-like agility is amazing, but what is far more useful is his perfect command of the penalty area and the understanding he has developed with his full-backs.

If Lord is not in the season's 'Honor Roll' it is because he has not always been dangerously alerted this year and has had less work to do than some other goalies.

Outside-right Erich Schwartz has been playing the whole season out of position and this has affected his play.

The rare times he was allowed to fill in the inside berth he played well and showed why he was so highly considered in Austria.

My opinion is that Schwartz suffers from a sort of inferiority complex in the star-studded Prague line-up, and this very often unsettles him.

APIA are the unofficial club champions with Canterbury.

Their rise to the top has been a great achievement.

They were only a poorly patronised and struggling club last year, yet this year because of insight and boldness APIA play a delighful style of soccer and have the largest following of any club in NSW.

Sunday's game will be a titanic tactical struggle for the Federation crown and I feel that the match will be won or lost in the dressing-room.

Baumgartner is bound to have noticed last week how hesitant and unusually flatfooted Joe Marston was when opposed to the rangy and speedy Bobby Burgoyne, who nearly caused APIA's down-fall.

I feel that Prague could capitalise on that as it is the first time this season that the former Preston player has really been in such bother.

Marston dangerous

If Prague plays its normal style of play, it's short passes will slow the game down and Marston and his defence will have ample time to organise themselves.

Marston is still good enough to completely subdue any centre forward if he is not ruffled and has plenty of space to move about.

Hakoah showed last week that a robust and speedy forward-line with no frills will upset the smooth-running APIA defence.

It is, nevertheless, hard to see Prague revolutionise their style completely for this one match.

But I would give them a far better chance of winning if they played a harder and more direct game on Sunday, as these tactics always upset the short-passing APIA.

There will be little in it to seperate the teams at the finish if their previous encounters are any indication.

Prague are definitely the better side as far as technique is concerned, but APIA's defence is capable of holding its own against the Austrians and Saghi.

But I expect Prague to finish its record-breaking season with a win, to take the 1959 title.

FROM the SIDELINES

By TAD TARG

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This year we had three or four really strong, outstanding teams.

Next season there is likely to be about 10 of them.

Let's start with Corrimal.

I won't write them off as quickly as some are inclined to do.

The Miners, as they are, with Bob Young — who, apart from importations, Jaros and Cinat, is the best wing half in the State — are still a powerful team.

All they need is two or three forwards who, along with Learmonth and Burns, will form a match-winning team once again.

And, I am told, they're doing just that.

Gladesville has a 22-year old Scottish First Division player "on order", in addition to their present star-studded forward line-up.

Budapest, apart from goalie Sokoloff from Newcastle, are getting four former Hungarian junior internationals — three forwards and a wing-half.

Two of them from Belgium, one from France and one from Adelaide.

Bankstown — well, they might as well call themselves Arsenal, as I suggested last week, if not in name then in spirit.

They have a complement of English lads lined up by their overseas representative.

Most of them will arrive before the Ampol night series.

A team that's really going places is Balgownie.

They already have sponsored two players and there are three more to come from the British Isles.

Canterbury only need two or three players to put them back where they were last year and, I believe, they are trying to get them.

Auburn will undoubtedly strenghten their defence to put it on a par with their star forwards.

These clubs, along with Prague, Hakoah, APIA and North Side will provide football never seen before in this country

Indeed, next season promises to be the best yet.

What a pity we'll have to wait a whole three months for it.

Will we be able to survive that hot summer?

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HOW'S THAT FOR ACTION?

The topic of conversation last Sunday at Henson Park was Sydney Athletic Field's inadequate accomodation for the expected crowds for the "Big Game".

At half-time I walked up to Tom Rogers (Fed. Publicity Officer) at the "mike" and had a chat with him about it.

No sooner we had finished our conversation when he announced over the public address system the change of the ground.

What happened was this:

Unknown to us at the time, the Management Committee, together with the members of Marrickville Council, met at half-time and, sizing up the situation magnificently, decided to switch to Henson Park on the spot.

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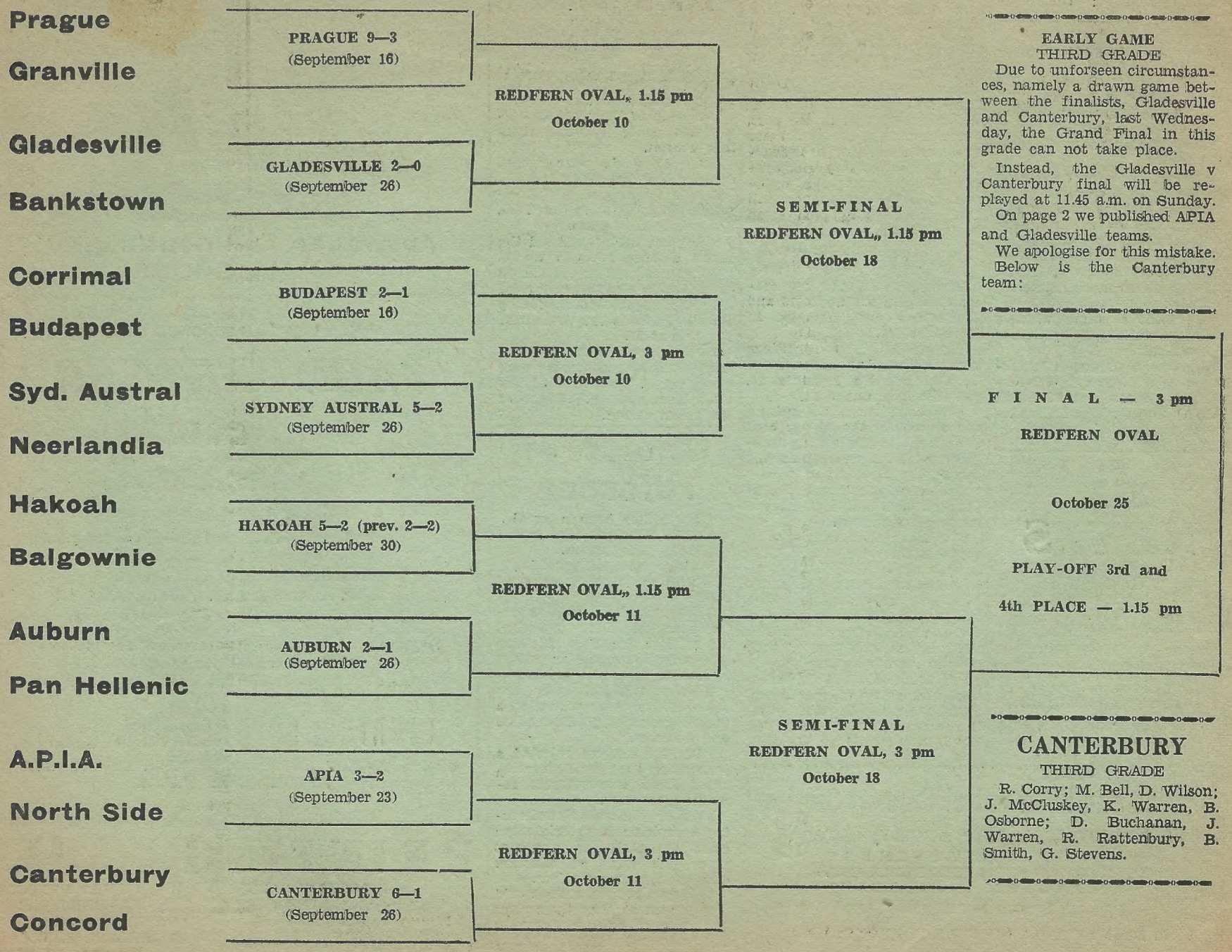

EARLY GAME
THIRD GRADE

Due to unforseen circumstances, namely a drawn game between the finalists, Gladesville and Canterbury, last Wednesday, the Grand Final in this grade can not take place.

Instead, the Gladesville v Canterbury final will be replayed at 11.45 a.m. on Sunday.

On page 2 we published APIA and Gladesville teams.

We apologise for this mistake.

Below is the Canterbury team:

CANTERBURY
THIRD GRADE

R. Corry; M. Bell, D. Wilson; J. McCluskey, K. Warren, B. Osborne; D. Buchanan, J. Warren, R. Rattenbury, B. Smith, G. Stevens.